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Notice to All EMS Providers and Unit that Bill for Services

As of January 1, 2008, there will be a change in the documentation requirements for those who bill CMS. Accordingly there will be changes for "those instances where a beneficiary is physically or mentally unable to sign an Assignment of Benefits (AOB) form, ambulance suppliers will be required either to obtain the signature of an acceptable surrogate, or, with respect to emergency ambulance services, meet stringent new documentation requirements before submitting the claim to Medicare."

For more information about this change please go to the following website:
<http://www.pwwemslaw.com/content.aspx?id=321>

How this affects you: Units need to check and possibly revise their practices in obtaining signatures from patients. These changes will result in modifications to some documents found on the TEMSIS system.

For those who use the State Bridge System: Image Trend has been notified by the NH Bureau of EMS to make the appropriate documentation changes. We have been informed that these changes will take place on December 31.

For those who use the Field Bridge System: Image Trend will be modifying the Field Bridge software. Please contact them to find out when the change will take place and how to modify your system.

For those who using a Non-Image Trend system: Please contact your software vendor to verify that the documents are changed accordingly.